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Mines in the Dimitrovgrad Area

1. The following mines are located in the Dimitrovgrad area:
 - a. The Maritsa mine, employing approximately 1,000 miners;
 - b. The Vulkan mine, employing approximately 200 miners; mine almost exhausted;
 - c. The Novi Rutnitsi mine, employing approximately 1,000 miners;
 - d. The Kapetalno mine, employing approximately 200 miners;
 - e. The Sentma A mine, employing approximately 200 miners;
 - f. The Mantezna mine, employing approximately 800 miners; and
 - g. The Melitsler mine, employing approximately 1,200 miners.
2. The coal deposits in these mines are not thick and in many cases the coal layers cover a wide area, extending as far as the area north of Stara Zagora. The coal is not of good quality and in processing is mixed with other coal for burning.
3. The mines are worked day and night and they are fully equipped with machinery and technical equipment.
4. The wages of the miners are based on categories of work, the highest being 8, and miners of this category receive 34 leva per day.

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Factories in Dimitrovgrad

5. The Vulkan cement factory employs more than 600 workers. This factory formerly belonged to a German company and it was recently modernized by German engineers who left the factory several months ago.
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7. The Tsentralna I electric power plant supplies power to the Vulkan cement factory.
8. The Rakovski group of factories employs about 3,000 workers and can be converted to manufacturing all kinds of war materials within eight hours. This group includes the following:
 - a. KHIMKOMBINAT which manufactures fertilizers;
 - b. A bakery which makes bread for the entire area; and
 - c. Tsentralna III electric power plant which supplies the entire group with electric power.

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Shortage of Wheat in Dimitrovgrad

9. In the middle of October 1954 the town of Dimitrovgrad was without bread for two whole days. This situation aroused the indignation of the inhabitants. After many protests, bread was finally produced but because it was insufficient the populace crowded around the bread distribution centers and protested. As a result, some stores were forced open and show-windows broken.
10. The reply of the Communist authorities to the protests of the population was that the bread shortage was caused by the laborers because they had been feeding their domestic animals bread. During the bread shortage in Dimitrovgrad the Communist authorities had kept supplies of flour for their own use.
11. It is believed that the bread shortage in Dimitrovgrad resulted from the fact that the farmers are unwilling to sell their flour to the State at .40 leva per kilo when the State sells bread made from the same flour at the following prices:
 - a. 2.20 leva per kilo for dark bread;
 - b. 3.00 leva per kilo for semi-dark bread; and
 - c. 3.70 leva per kilo for white bread.

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